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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Jerome C. Muys Swidler & Berlin 3000 K Street, N.W., Suite 300 Washington, D.C. 20007-5116

Re: <u>San Fernando Valley Area 1, Burbank Operable Unit</u>
<u>May 4, 1994 Special Notice</u>.

Dear Mr. Muys:

As you know, the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") sent a Special Notice letter to your client, Pacific Airmotive Corporation ("PAC") on May 4, 1994 regarding the San Fernando Valley Superfund Site, Burbank Operable Unit. By its Special Notice letter, EPA requested that PAC make a good faith offer to conduct the long-term operation and maintenance ("O&M") for the Burbank Operable Unit treatment and blending facilities, and agree to pay certain EPA response costs associated with the Burbank Operable Unit.

EPA's records show that PAC received certified mail delivery of EPA's Special Notice letter on May 9, 1994, and that William F. Gross of PAC attended the meeting which EPA held with the Special Notice recipients on June 24, 1994. At that meeting, EPA announced that all responses to its request for a good faith offer would be due on July 15, 1994.

EPA has not received any response whatsoever from PAC. However, PAC is currently performing investigations on its Burbank Operable Unit property pursuant to an EPA Unilateral Administrative Order, and EPA records show that PAC responded to EPA's 1989 Special Notice for the Burbank Operable Unit. In view of these circumstances, EPA believes PAC should be advised of the potential consequences of its failure to respond to EPA's current Special Notice.

EPA requests that PAC meet with EPA and the Department of Justice on a mutually convenient date to discuss these issues.

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Please contact the undersigned and advise whether PAC is prepared to meet with EPA and the Department of Justice. Thank you for your prompt response.

Very truly yours,

Marie M. Rongone

Assistant Regional Counsel

cc: William Weinischke, Esq.

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